

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 517 (Hammerstrom)

SB 517 would expand the definition of "municipality" and thereby expand the entities that may join the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

• SB 517 passed [RC 815: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 1266 (Bishop)

SB 1266 would make changes to local lake improvement boards. Lake improvement boards are usually formed for projects that affect only one or two local governments. By increasing the number of representatives from each local government on a board from one to two, the bill would ensure that they had a greater say in the board's decisions. Additionally, permitting the drain commissioner to appoint a designee would free the commissioner from having to serve on dozens of separate boards in counties with a large number of them. Finally, the bill would delete the requirement that a representative of the DEQ serve on each board, thus eliminating a major cause of friction on many boards.

- Bishop 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1266 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1266 passed [RC 816: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 1267 (Gilbert)

SB 1267 allow a 9-1-1 service district to implement an emergency notification system that would allow emergency service responders to phone customers within a specific geographic area regarding an imminent danger or emergency that could affect the users' health, safety, or welfare. Upon request, a telephone service supplier would have to provide each 9-1-1 service district within the provider's service area with the telephone number and address data, including all listed, unlisted, and unpublished numbers, for each service user within the district. A service supplier could charge a reasonable rate to provide the data. A 9-1-1 service district could not request the data more than once per month. The data could be used only for the purposes provided in the bill. SB 1267 would provide an efficient way to contact residents during an emergency and provide the information they need to keep themselves safe. The bill would allow emergency response personnel to obtain a customer's address, enabling them to intervene in crises on a smaller scale, such as a situation in which an individual was threatening to commit suicide.

• Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.

- SB 1267 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1267 passed [RC 818: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 1409 (Patterson) HB 5550 (BROWN) HB 5657 (Huizenga)

SB 1409, HB 5550, and HB 5657 are necessary so that digitally stored / electronic documents can be used as official documents in government/judicial proceedings. Current law needs to be updated to account for technological improvements.

Support: HAL, Michigan Association of Counties, Secretary of State.

SB 1409:

- Patterson 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 1409 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1409 passed [RC 817: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5550:

- Patterson 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Patterson 1A (1 amend) was adopted. Technical amendment.
- HB 5550 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5550 was not brought up on Final Passage.

HB 5657:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Patterson 1 (S-3) was adopted.
- HB 5657 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5657 was not brought up on Final Passage.

THIRD READING

SB 72 (Sanborn)

SB 72 would creates the pregnant and parenting student services fund within the Dept. of Treasury and administered through the Dept. of Community Health to provide grants to encourage institutions of higher education to establish and operate an office to assist students with pregnancy and parenting issues. Abortion referrals could not be provided.

Oppose: MI-NOW, NASW -- object to the "gag rule" against offering abortion information.

- Sanborn 1 (4 amends) was adopted. Technical amendments.
- SB 72 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 823 (Cropsey)

SB 823 would convert part-time probate judges in Alcona, Baraga, Benzie, Iron, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ontonagon, Oscoda, and Presque Isle Counties to fulltime status. The probate judges in these counties also would have the jurisdiction and authority of a district judge. The bill would also add probate judges in Barry,

Berrien, Isabella, Otsego, and Van Buren Counties to the list of probate judges who have the jurisdiction and authority of a district judge.

- Judiciary Committee 1 (S-2) was defeated.
- Appropriations Committee 1 (S-5) was adopted.
- SB 823 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4450 (Hoogendyk)

HB 4450 would allow the Secretary of State to issue personalized military veteran specialty license plates. Those who have served in the military may obtain specialty veteran plates in recognition of their service to the United States. Because personalized license plates already are available to the general public, it would be fitting to extend the personalization option to veteran plates. The bill would accommodate the wishes of those who selflessly served this country. A personalized veteran plate would both honor the veteran and express his or her individuality.

• HB 4450 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5544 (Julian)

HB 5544 would increase from 5,000 pounds to 8,000 pounds the maximum weight of a pickup truck or van which can get a handicapped parking permit.

• HB 5544 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5832 (RIVET)

HB 5832 would amend the requirements that must be met when creating a form of mortgages of real estate. The bill would clarify that when worded correctly a mortgage would be a valid and enforceable mortgage (currently good and sufficient mortgage) to the grantee, and the grantee's heirs, assigns, successors, and personal representatives with warranty from the grantor and the grantor's legal representatives, of marketable title (currently perfect title) in the grantor, free from prior encumbrances (currently against all pervious encumbrances).

Support: Michigan Bankers Association, Office of Financial and Insurance Services.

• HB 5832 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5971 (Ruth Johnson)

HB 5971 would extend governmental immunity to treatment provided by an uncompensated "tactical operation medical assistant". This applies to individuals that are licensed to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or surgery or is registered professional nurse; or an emergency medical technician (EMT), an EMT specialist, or a paramedic. A tactical operation would mean an action of law enforcement that was taken to deal with imminent violence, a riot, an act of terrorism, or similar civic emergency; or entry into a building or area to arrest or seize evidence in a drug crime.

• HB 5971 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 6172 (Milosch)

HB 6172 would specify that an indictment for identity theft or attempted identity theft could be found and filed within six years.

- Cropsey 1 (1 amend) was adopted. Technical amendment.
 HB 6172 was moved to 3rd Reading.